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Louisiana Envirothon now enrolling high school teams for competition

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Envirothon, sponsored in part by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, will be held on May 5 at ULL's Cade Farm. The Louisiana Envirothon is a multidisciplinary and environmental problem-solving competition in which winning teams can represent Louisiana in the North American Canon Envirothon and compete for scholarships. The goal of the Envirothon is to cultivate a desire to learn more about the natural environment and promote stewardship of natural resources.

Teams are comprised of five students from grades 6-12. They compete in five natural resource areas: soils, aquatic, forestry, wildlife and a current environmental issue. Competing students learn the complexities of solving environmental problems during the hands-on contests. Winning teams will compete in the national event, July 29 to Aug. 4, at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in New York.

Now is the time to register a team. Teams that register early can take advantage of training for the event. This year training will be held Feb. 3 at the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center at ULL, March 3 at the LSU Callagari Center and April 7 at a place to be announced. Additional training may be requested by the teams and enhances their chances of winning.

A team can be registered by visiting to the DEQ website, www.deq.louisiana.gov/envirothon or for additional information, email karen.fisher@la.gov.

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